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Applicant: Tomihiko AZUMA  
Title: VOICE SIGNATURE TRANSACTION SYSTEM AND METHOD  
Application No.: 09/884,940  
Application Filing Date: 06/21/2001  
Examiner: Gedrich, Sarah R.  
Art Unit: 3625

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☒ [ X ] Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on August 29, 2005.
- ☐ [ ] Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_ but not considered.
- ☐ [ ] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on \_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

- ☐ [ ] Amendment/Reply.
- ☐ [ ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ [ ] Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ [ ] Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_ listed reference(s).

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ [ ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

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790.00 OP  
120.00 OP

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$790.00	= \$790.00
Total Claims:	22	- 22	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independents	3	- 3	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$790.00

☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[ X ]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	1	\$120.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00		\$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00		\$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00		\$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00		\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:				\$120.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:				\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL				\$120.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:				\$910.00
[ ]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
[ ]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:				\$910.00

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$910.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$910.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date October 3, 2005

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